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1. claims: 1 (part), 2-32, 34 (complete)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) molecule that directs cleavage of a CETP RNA via RNA interference (RNAi) as described in claim 1.

2. claims: 1, 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) molecule that directs cleavage of a CETP RNA via RNA interference (RNAi) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOs: 1-33, 101-133.

3. claims: 1, 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) molecule that directs cleavage of a CETP RNA via RNA interference (RNAi) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOs: 34-66, 134-166.

4. claims: 1, 33, 35(part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) molecule that directs cleavage of a CETP RNA via RNA interference (RNAi) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOs: 67-100, 167-200.

5. claims: 1, 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) molecule that directs cleavage of a CETP RNA via RNA interference (RNAi) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOs: 201-322.

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